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82nd jumpmasters receive refresher training

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BAGHDAD, Iraq—Paratroopers from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division began Jumpmaster Refresher Courses, Jumpmaster Pretests and Air Movement Operations Courses at Camp Falcon Dec. 2.

The classes are being conducted at the forward operating base in southern Baghdad to prepare the brigade for redeployment and assumption of their mission back at Fort Bragg, NC, early next year.

The brigade is part of Task Force 1st Armored Division.

Seven instructors from the U.S. Army Advanced Airborne School at Fort Bragg deployed to Iraq for several weeks to train more than 100 paratroopers in AMO and to refresh approximately 300 jumpmasters deployed to Iraq's capitol city.

A jumpmaster remains current for 180 days since the last time he was either a primary jumpmaster, assistant jumpmaster or a safety. After being in Iraq for nearly a year every, all of the brigade's jumpmasters needed the refresher course.

"When we get back, we won't have time to do this," said 1st Sgt. Brook Reinhold, Headquarters and Headquarters' Company, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment. "It's vital right now; people would get lost in the cracks if we waited till we get back."

A large portion of the unit's soldiers will be attending schools, transitioning to new units and training.

During the two-day refresher course in a refurbished warehouse in the camp, the jumpmasters receive briefings on the airborne timeline and jumpmaster duties. The classes also include instruction on the duties for Drop Zone Safety Officers and Departure Airfield Control Officers.

The JMs are graded on their use vocal commands and the hand and arm signals given to paratroopers prior to exiting the aircraft. The remainder of the course is dedicated to performing the jumpmaster personnel inspection.

The other mission for the "Black Hat" instructors is to certify several Task Force Falcon paratroopers in Air Movement Operations, which will prove very important for the brigade combat team when redeploying to Fort



First Sgt. Brook Reinhold, Headquarters and Headquarters' Company, 3rd Bn. 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment performs a jumpmaster personnel inspection on Cpt. Jason Borg, Co. B, 307th Engineer Bn. during a jumpmaster refresher course. Seven instructors came to Iraq to train prepare the brigade in air movement operations courses and jumpmaster refresher courses.

Bragg, said Capt. Slade Beaudoin, commander, U.S. Army Advanced Airborne School.

"Our recent deployments have highlighted the need for AMO qualified paratroopers," Beaudoin said. "When the 3rd Brigade, (82nd Airborne Division) redeployed from Afghanistan last year, the need for AMO training was the biggest (after action review) comment we heard."

At the AMO course, the paratroopers are learning to prepare their equipment, to include potential hazardous materials, for redeployment.

After the training, the paratroopers will be qualified to help their unit prepare shipping pallets for air movements and fill out the numerous forms and paperwork required with the redeployment process.

Several paratroopers said that completing their training during this deployment will allow for then more time to focus on the mission at hand and it also is bringing them one step closer to going home.

The Old Ironsides Report

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News...

Flu Outbreak Hits Hard in 24 States

ATLANTA (AP) - Federal officials said Thursday that the flu has hit hard in 24 states, nearly doubling the number since last week and including almost the entire Western half of the country. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the flu has hit all 50 states at least sporadically, and the season has not yet peaked nationally.

Bush Defends Iraq Reconstruction Policy

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, under fire from allies, said Thursday that countries which sent troops to Iraq should be entitled to share in the \$18 billion in American-financed reconstruction projects while other nations are shut out. Bush's policy effectively excludes countries such as Russia, France, Germany and Canada.

Psychiatrist: Malvo Anti-Social for Years

CHESAPEAKE, Va. (AP) - Sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo's aggression surfaced years before he met John Allen Muhammad, the convicted sniper mastermind he refers to as his father, a defense psychiatrist testified Thursday under cross-examination. As a child, Malvo killed stray cats with a slingshot beginning at age 8 or 9 and continued the anti-social behavior for nearly five years, Neil Blumberg testified at Malvo's capital murder trial.

Two Killed, 12 Hurt in Israel Explosion

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) - An explosion went off Thursday at a money changer's shop in a crowded Tel Aviv business district, killing two people and wounding 12 in what police said may have been an attack by Israeli underworld figures. The attack shook a nation already on edge over daily warnings about planned suicide bombings by Palestinian militants.

Rules May Change After Advil Expulsion

BENTON, La. (AP) - The Bossier Parish School Board will take a second look at its punishment policy for students caught with over-the-counter medications on campus. In November, sophomore Amanda Stiles was expelled from Parkway High School after Advil was found in her purse. The school system has since been the target of a barrage of critical telephone calls and e-mails.

Safety Message... **Supervision**

Statistics show that 80 percent of all accidents are caused by human error.

Supervision is the key to preventing human error. Simply put, leaders can reduce human error by establishing sound standards and consistently enforcing them.

Career Opportunities...

Reindeer Herding Is Called Dangerous Job

By TOMMY GRANDELL, Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) -- Forget poor Rudolph. It's the guy who has to herd him who has it tough.

Reindeer herders have the most dangerous line of work in Sweden, according to a new study that analyzed the causes of deaths among all jobs in the country of 9 million people.

Among the herders, who are mostly indigenous Sami in the country's far north, there were 150 deaths on the job between 1961 and 2000, said Per Sjoelander, one of the authors of "Fatal Accidents and Suicide Among Reindeer Herding Samis in Sweden."

The number of deaths was more than twice that for farmers and more than three times the total for construction workers during the same period.

"It's a dangerous job," Sjoelander said Wednesday. "They drive around on vehicles in difficult terrain and on thin ice. They work a lot. They work in a tough climate. So, there are many reasons behind this."

The researchers compared statistics on work-related accidents from a government death registry.

"The reindeer herders are often by themselves when working, which may be a factor to the high number of fatal, work-related accidents," said Sjoelander, who works in the Southern Lapland Research Department in Vilhelmina, 400 miles north of Stockholm.

The Sami, once called the Lapps, are believed to have followed herds of reindeer to Europe's northern fringe thousands of years ago. Like the Inuit of North America, they are an indigenous people of the Arctic.

There are an estimated 300,000 reindeer in Sweden. The hides are used for clothing, handicrafts and fashion, and the meat for food. Reindeer herding is, together with the Sami languages, considered to be the core of the Sami culture.

The study was conducted for the Swedish Sami parliament with the aim of determining if an increase in the number of motor vehicles and socio-economic pressure had increased the risk for fatal, work-related accidents.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

"Change"

Everybody thinks of changing Humanity and nobody thinks of changing himself. - L. Tolstoy.

In one neighborhood, a scientist asked the people what problems their neighbors had. Without exception, each household pointed out several other families who had various issues. When asked about their own family, however, you guessed it, no problems whatsoever!

We can only hope to change the world, if we're willing to start with changing ourselves.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

MARCONI SENDS FIRST ATLANTIC WIRELESS TRANSMISSION:

Italian physicist and radio pioneer Guglielmo Marconi succeeds in sending the first radio transmission across the Atlantic Ocean, disproving detractors who told him that the curvature of the earth would limit transmission to 200 miles or less. The message--simply the Morse-code signal for the letter "s"--traveled more than 2,000 miles from Poldhu in Cornwall, England, to Newfoundland, Canada.

Born in Bologna, Italy, in 1874 to an Italian father and an Irish mother, Marconi studied physics and became interested in the transmission of radio waves after learning of the experiments of the German physicist Heinrich Hertz. He began his own experiments in Bologna beginning in 1894 and soon succeeded in sending a radio signal over a distance of 1.5 miles. Receiving little encouragement for his experiments in Italy, he went to England in 1896. He formed a wireless telegraph company and soon was sending transmissions from distances farther than 10 miles. In 1899, he succeeded in sending a transmission across the English Channel. That year, he also equipped two U.S. ships to report to New York newspapers on the progress of the America's Cup yacht race. That successful endeavor aroused widespread interest in Marconi and his wireless company.

Marconi's greatest achievement came on December 12, 1901, when he received a message sent from England at St. John's, Newfoundland. The transatlantic transmission won him worldwide fame. Ironically, detractors of the project were correct when they declared that radio waves would not follow the curvature of the earth, as Marconi believed. In fact, Marconi's transatlantic radio signal had been headed into space when it was reflected off the ionosphere and bounced back down toward Canada. Much remained to be learned about the laws of the radio wave and the role of the atmosphere in radio transmissions, and Marconi would continue to play a leading role in radio discoveries and innovations during the next three decades.

In 1909, he was jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in physics with the German radio innovator Ferdinand Braun. After successfully sending radio transmissions from points as far away as England and Australia, Marconi turned his energy to experimenting with shorter, more powerful radio waves. He died in 1937, and on the day of his funeral all British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) stations were silent for two minutes in tribute to his contributions to the development of radio.

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	WALKING WITH CAVEMEN : - PART 2	TODAY		00:00
00:30	ESPNEWS	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE SANTA CLAUSE		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NBA TIPOFF - LV 30 MIN	ESPNEWS	RUGRATS : - DIL SAVER	TELETUBBIES : - ROCKING CHAIR	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	NBA - DETROIT PISTONS @ CLEVELAND CAVALIERS	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7): - SURVIVAL OF THE IDIOTS / DUMPED	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00		NFL TOTAL ACCESS	THE SIMPSONS : - THE WORST EPISODE EVER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS			04:30
05:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: PURDUE @ OKLAHOMA	CHARMED : - THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PHOEBE	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00	NBA - NEW ORLEANS HORNETS @ PHOENIX SUNS		THE X-FILES : - SHADOWS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWS WITH BRIAN WILLIAMS	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	CHRISTMAS IN ROCKEFELLER CENTER	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00		SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - FOOL FOR LOVE	CALILOU : - MY SISTER ROSIE	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION			THE WEEKENDERS : - BASKETS FOR BUCKS/ PRU		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	TELETUBBIES : - ROCKING CHAIR	IRON CHEF : - QUAIL/SAKAI VS SEIYA KAWASAKI	AS TOLD BY GINGER	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		CHALK ZONE : - PIEDAY! SECRET PASSAGEWAYS! IN THE ZONE! SKRAWL		10:30
11:00	NHL - DETROIT RED WINGS @ CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	RUGRATS : - DIL SAVER	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7): - SURVIVAL OF THE IDIOTS / DUMPED	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - THE WORST EPISODE EVER	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT : - HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			CHARMED : - THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PHOEBE	KING OF THE HILL : - I NEVER PROMISED YOU AN ORGANIC GARDEN	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER			THAT 70'S SHOW : - THANK YOU		13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE X-FILES : - SHADOWS	SURVIVOR: PEARL ISLANDS	PRIMETIME	14:00
14:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: PURDUE @ OKLAHOMA	JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CHRISTMAS IN ROCKEFELLER CENTER	24 : - DAY 2: 4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			THE LIFE OF MAMMALS	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM SPEEDWAY WORLD CUP (OUTRUP)			TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		CALILOU : - MY SISTER ROSIE	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - FOOL FOR LOVE		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30	ROME IS BURNING	THE WEEKENDERS : - BASKETS FOR BUCKS/ PRU		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		AS TOLD BY GINGER	IRON CHEF : - QUAIL/SAKAI VS SEIYA KAWASAKI		THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	CHALK ZONE : - PIEDAY! SECRET PASSAGEWAYS! IN THE ZONE! SKRAWL		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS : - DIL SAVER	NATIONAL LAMPOON'S GOLF PUNKS		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS (TV-7): - SURVIVAL OF THE IDIOTS / DUMPED			19:30
20:00	INSIDE THE NFL	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - THE WORST EPISODE EVER		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT : - HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS			20:30
20:45				ANASTASIA		20:45
21:00	NHL - COLORADO AVALANCHE @ VANCOUVER CANUCKS	KING OF THE HILL : - I NEVER PROMISED YOU AN ORGANIC GARDEN	CHARMED : - THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING PHOEBE		PRIMETIME	21:00
21:30		THAT 70'S SHOW : - THANK YOU				21:30
22:00		SURVIVOR: PEARL ISLANDS	THE X-FILES : - SHADOWS		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30				CINEMA SECRETS : - HANGING BY A THREAD		22:30
23:00		24 : - DAY 2: 4:00 P.M.- 5:00 P.M.	CHRISTMAS IN ROCKEFELLER CENTER	TODAY	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30	ESPNEWS				INSIDE POLITICS	23:30